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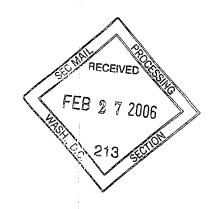
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	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of tement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
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Place Trade Financial, Inc.	, as
	20_05, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
	al officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:	
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(k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaud	ited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of
consolidation.	
(l) An Oath or Affirmation.	
(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.	
(n) A report describing any material inadequacies fou	nd to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

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Financial Statements and Internal Control Report

December 31, 2005 and 2004

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

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### **Independent Auditors' Report**

The Stockholders
Place Trade Financial, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Place Trade Financial, Inc. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for the years then ended that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedules 1-2 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements, and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Bakhelon, Tilley & Roberts, LLP

February 15, 2006

## **Balance Sheets**

# December 31, 2005 and 2004

Assets	i i	2005	2004
	:	<u>2003</u>	2004
Current assets:	1		
Cash	\$	6,244	2,410
Accounts receivable		6,499	6,241
Prepaid expenses	:	1,090	
Total current assets	i.	13,833	8,651
Other assets-deposits	:	100	650
Total assets	\$	13,933	9,301
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity			
Current liabilities - accounts payable		1,971	210
Stockholders' equity:	' : !		
Common stock, no par value; 1,000 shares	!		
authorized; 400 shares issued and outstanding		1,000	1,000
Additional paid-in capital	i	74,949	50,350
Accumulated deficit		(63,987)	<u>(42,259)</u>
		11,962	9,091
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	13,933	9,301

# Statements of Operations

# Years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

		2005	<u>2004</u>
Revenues	\$	19,052	15,310
Operating expenses:	!		
Advertising	•	14,572	9,177
Regulatory fees		3,305	4,185
Professional fees	1	4,917	496
Contract services		1,771	-
Office		9,180	8,809
Dues and subscriptions	1	3,452	572
Travel and entertainment		1,865	1,011
Postage		543	3,397
Miscellaneous	i	1,175	1,054
	1	40,780	28,701
Net loss	\$	(21,728)	(13,391)

# Statements of Stockholders' Equity

# Years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

	(	Common stock	Additional paid-in capital	Accumulated deficit	Total
Balance, December 31, 2003	\$	1,000	44,850	(28,868)	16,982
Net loss		-	i -	(13,391)	(13,391)
Additional capital contributed			5,500	<u> </u>	5,500
Balance, December 31, 2004		1,000	50,350	(42,259)	9,091
Net loss		-	-	(21,728)	(21,728)
Additional capital contributed			24,599		24,599
Balance, December 31, 2005	\$	1,000	74,949	(63,987)	11,962

# Statements of Cash Flows

# Years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (21,728)	(13,391)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net		
cash used in operating activities:		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(258)	465
Prepaid expenses	(1,090)	•
Accounts payable	1,761	<u>210</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	(21,315)	(12,716)
Cash provided by financing activities- proceeds from additional contributed capital	24,599	5,500
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities- deposits	550	(600)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	3,834	(7,816)
Cash, beginning of year		10,226
Cash, end of year	\$ 6,244	2,410

#### Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2005 and 2004

### (1) Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

### Organization

Place Trade Financial, Inc. (the "Company") is a full service, discount brokerage firm, incorporated on December 31, 2002, based in Lillington, North Carolina with a branch office in Raleigh, North Carolina. The Company is a broker-dealer in securities registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is a member of various exchanges and the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD). The Company's securities are cleared through a clearing broker-dealer. The Company does not maintain customers' security accounts nor does it perform custodial functions related to customer securities.

### Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue from securities transactions on a trade-date basis.

#### Basis of Presentation

The Company's policy is to prepare its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purpose of the financial statements, cash and cash equivalents include cash, deposits in interest-bearing accounts, and other financial instruments with maturities of less than three months.

#### Accounts Receivable

The Company writes off doubtful receivables in amounts equal to the estimated collection losses that will be incurred. No allowance was required for 2005 and 2004.

#### Income Taxes

The Company has elected S Corporation status under the Internal Revenue Code whereby its income is taxed to the individual stockholders; therefore, there is no provision for income taxes for the Company.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

December 31, 2005 and 2004

### (1) Organization and Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

### **Advertising Costs**

Advertising and promotional costs are expensed as incurred.

### (2) Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital. The Company has elected to use the basic method, permitted by the Rule, which requires that the Company maintain minimum net capital of \$5,000, as defined, and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company had net capital, as defined, of \$10,672 and \$8,341 which was \$5,672 and \$3,341 in excess of required net capital, respectively, and its ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .19 to 1 in 2005 and .02 to 1 in 2004.

### Supplemental Schedules of Computation and Reconciliation of Net Capital in Accordance with Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission

## December 31, 2005 and 2004

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Total assets	\$ 13,933	9,301
Deduct: Aggregate indebtedness	(1,971)	(210)
Net worth	11,962	9,091
Add: Excluded indebtedness	-	-
Add: Subordinated indebtedness	· -	-
Deduct: Non-allowable assets	(1,190)	(750)
Deduct: Concessions	-	-
Deduct: Securities haircuts		
Net capital	\$ 10,672	8,341
Capital requirements:		
Broker-dealer	\$ 5,000	5,000
Net capital in excess of requirements	5,672	3,341
Net capital as above	\$ 10,672	8,341
Net capital per December 31 focus report (unaudited) Adjustments	\$ 10,536 136	8,340
Adjusted net capital, December 31	\$ 10,672	8,341

Supplemental Schedule of Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission

December 31, 2005 and 2004

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in that the Company's activities are limited to those set forth in the conditions for exemption appearing in paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of the Rule.

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The Stockholders
Place Trade Financial, Inc.:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Place Trade Financial, Inc. (the "Company") for the year ended December 31, 2005, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure. Among the elements of the internal control structure that we considered are the accounting system and control procedures.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have made a study of the practices and procedures (including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures) followed by the Company that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the reserve required by Rule 15c3-3(e) and the procedures for determining compliance with the exempt provisions of Rule 15c3-3. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13 or in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, because the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. The objectives of an internal control structure and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices.

The Stockholders Page 2

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure or the practices and procedure referred to above, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted the following matters involving the accounting system and control procedures that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above. These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing, and extent of the procedures to be performed in our audit of the financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2005, and this report does not affect our report thereon dated February 15, 2006.

The size of the business and resultant limited number of employees imposes practical limitations on the effectiveness of those control policies and procedures that depend on the segregation of duties, such as processing of cash receipts, cash disbursements and payroll. Because this condition is inherent in the size of the Company, the specific weaknesses are not described herein and no corrective action has been taken or proposed by the Company.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate as of December 31, 2005 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the members, management, the SEC and any other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

February 15, 2006

Batchelor, Silley & Roberts, LLP